SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) The present data reporting system does not generate the information in the manner asked for. However, the Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Extension has been giving grant-in-aid to Bharat Krishak Samaj to organise short duration training camps for farmers and administration grant to maintain the staff and exchange of farmers. Grant-in-aid sanctioned/released to Bharat Krishak Samaj during the period from 1985-86 to 1989-90 by directorate of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture are as under:

Year	Grant Sanctioned/released		
	Administrative Grant (Rs.)	Short duration Training Camps (Rs.)	Exchange of farmers (Rs.)
1985-86	10,000.00	7,000.00	45,375.00
1986-87	10,000.00	14,000.00	—
1987-88	10,000.00	17,500.00	—
1988-89	10,000.00	17,500.00	—
1989-90	10,000.00	17,500.00	—

Export of rice to Soviet Union

1655. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the major basmati rice exporters to the Soviet Union from India;

(b) how much basmati rice has been exported by these concerns/individuals during the last three years and at what price;

(c) whether any complaints have been received from any quarter about export of basmati rice to the Soviet Union and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement annexed. [*See* Appendix CLIV Annexure No. 81]

(c) and (d) No complaints have been received from the buyers in USSR. Questions have, however, been raised about the quality of rice exported to USSR and the commission received by one exporter. Government is looking into the matter.

Letter purported to have been written by Gordon Mackay, Vice-President of Fairfax Investigating Agency

1656. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letter purporting to have been written by one Gordon Mackay, claiming to be the Vice-President of Fairfax Investigation Agency on the records of any department of the Government of India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the CBI had expressed an opinion about the authenticity of this letter; and

(d) whether the then Government accepted that opinion and acted upon it; and if so in what manner?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) Photocopies of two letters dated 20-11-1986 and 12-12-1986 purported to have been written by one

Mr. Gordon Andrew Mackay claiming to be Vice President and General Counsel of Fairfax Group Ltd. Management Consultants, 7369 MC Whorter Place, Suite 420 Annandale, Virginia, USA were apparently received in Dak on 13-3-87 by the then Director, Central Bureau of Investigation. On the basis of the enquiries made by the CBI it suspected these letters to be forged and decided not to place any reliance thereon or to use these as evidence.

Investigation in back-dating of a letter of credit by Reliance Group of Industries

1657. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI has investigated the back-dating of a letter of credit by the Reliance Group of Industries, so as to avail of changes in Government policy;

(b) if so, with what results;

(c) what are the relevant dates in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken so far on the recommendation of the CBI?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Central Bureau of Investigation reported that 7 LCs were opened on or after 29-5-85 and recommended prosecution of Reliance Industries Ltd., some of its officers and 12 officials of the concerned banks. The allegation regarding leakage of contemplated change in Import Policy could not be substantiated.

(d) Though earlier, on the examination of the report in consultation with Reserve Bank of India, the view was that it was not a fit case for prosecution under FERA, legal advice has again been sought on this issue.

Delay in transhipment of goods at neighbouring ports

1658. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study about the losses suffered by exporters on account of delay in transhipment of containerised cargo at neighbouring ports;

(b) whether Government have asked FIEO and AISC to submit details of actual losses suffered by their members;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to avoid delay in transhipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (d) While a formal study has not been conducted by the Government, however, on basis of available data, a quick assessment made in consultation with All India Shippers' Council (AISC) and Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) revealed that, *prima facie*, savings could accrue for the containerised trade cargo by way of reduced transit and interest bearing costs. However, Government has no control over time taken for transhipment of containers at neighbouring ports.

Arrest of Director, Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow

1659. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Enforcement Directorate officials have arrested Dr. B.B. Sethi, Director, Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow for violation of Foreign Exchange Regulations Act; and

(b) if so, what are the charges against him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER